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FOR: OBJECT REGION DATA :
GENERATING METHOD, OBJECT
REGION DATA GENERATING
APPARATUS, APPROXIMATION
POLYGON GENERATING METHOD,
AND APPROXIMATION POLYGON
GENERATING APPARATUS

**ELECTION AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

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SIR:

In response to the Election of Species requirement stated in the outstanding Official Action dated December 6, 2005, Applicants elect for further examination on the merits, without traverse, the Species of Fig. 1, and identify Claims 1-11, 16-19, and 22-25 as readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of, and traverse, the objection to the drawings stated in the outstanding Official Action dated December 6, 2005, because every feature of the invention is shown in the drawing, as next explained.

In particular, with regard to Claim 20, the approximating unit corresponds to the polygon generator 101 of FIG. 1; the association unit and the trajectory unit correspond to the vertex association unit 102 of FIG. 1; the estimation unit corresponds to the step S82 of

FIG. 12, the moving unit corresponds to the step S83 of FIG. 12; the updating unit corresponds to the block 605 of FIG.13; and the object region data generating unit corresponds to the function approximation processing unit 103 of FIG. 1.

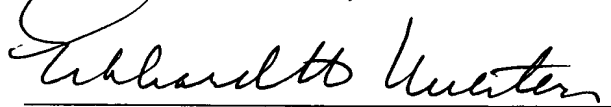
With regard to Claim 22, the first computer readable program code means corresponds to the polygon generator 101 of FIG. 1; the second computer readable program code means corresponds to the vertex association unit 102 of FIG. 1; and the third and the fourth computer readable program code means correspond to the function approximation processing unit 103 of FIG. 1.

With regard to Claim 26, the first computer readable program code means corresponds to the polygon generator 101 of FIG. 1; the second and the third computer readable program code means correspond to the vertex association unit 102 of FIG. 1; the fourth computer readable program code means corresponds to the step S82 of FIG. 12; the fifth computer readable program code means corresponds to the step S83 of FIG. 12; and the sixth computer readable program code means corresponds to the block 605 of FIG.13.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-11, 16-19, 22-25 and Fig. 1 is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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